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1. AS DEPARTMENT AWARE IS WILL BE GOING TO SEYCHELLES WITHIN TWO WEEKS. DURING MY STAY THERE I EXPECT TO HAVE AMPLE OPPORTUNITY FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH PRESIDENT RENE ON WIDE RANGE OF ISSUES. I HAVE ALREADY BEEN INFORMED THAT PRESIDENT HAS INDICATED THAT HE WILL RAISE WITH ME THE SUBJECT OF KENYA-SEYCHELLES RELATIONS. SHOULD HE ASK FOR USG TO USE ITS GOOD OFFICES WITH GOK I WILL RECOMMEND TO DEPARTMENT THAT I BE AUTHORIZED TO TAKE UP ISSUES INVOLVED WITH FONMIN WAIYAKI.

2. AFTER SPEAKING WITH EMBASSY VICTORIA THIS MORNING I THINK IT IS PRUDENT THAT I TAKE NO ACTION UNTIL I HAVE HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS THIS MATTER DIRECTLY WITH RENE. KENYA-SEYCHELLES RELATIONS HAVE, AS WE KNOW, BEEN CURIOUSLY SOUR SINCE COUP LAST JUNE. FURTHERMORE, CONFIDENTIAL

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I BELIEVE THAT OUR RELATIONS WITH RENE GOVERNMENT ARE EXCELLENT AND THAT THIS REQUEST SHOULD BE MADE TO US DIRECTLY RATHER THAN THROUGH THIRD COUNTRY.

3. SUGGEST THAT AMBASSADOR SPAIN BE AUTHORIZED TO TELL FONMIN MKAPA THAT WE APPRECIATE TANGOV'S INTEREST IN THIS MATTER AND THAT I WILL BE IN SEYCHELLES AT END OF

MAY, AND LOOK FORWARD TO WIDE RANGING DISCUSSIONS WITH
PRESIDENT RENE WHICH IN ALL PROBABILITY WILL INCLUDE
KENYA-SEYCHELLES RELATIONS.
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